

FOIL Request

Date: 6 September 2011

City of Ithaca, FOIL Officer: Julie Conley Holcomb

Pursuant to New York Statutes, Article 6, Public Officers Law, §§ 84-90, the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), Edward Weissman, hereby makes the following requests, all of which are subject to the "Scope of Request" following the enumerated request:

1. All records relating to any redistricting or similar subject and any and all communications between, to or from, the City of Ithaca, its Mayor, Council, or its employees, attorneys, or agents and attorneys relating thereto or arising in or out of redistricting or similar subject

Scope of Request

A. Records covered are those which were created between January 1, 2009, to the present and only those related to, or arising in or out of, any redistricting of City government.

"Records" as used in all requests, means any written, printed, graphic, picture, image, or electronically recorded material. However, in the case of written, printed, and graphic material, the request covers only those records which are available in electronic form, with or without electronic manipulation, or which may be scanned into electronic form and the electronic form only, no paper copies are requested.

All records requested in each request include, but are not necessarily limited to, records in paper form, or on City of Ithaca owned computers, mixed use personal or business use computers not owned by the City of Ithaca but used by City of Ithaca officials, officers, employees, or agents for any City of Ithaca business, and any other computers used for City of Ithaca business, cell phones, iPhones, iPads, tablets, desktops, laptops, or any other electronic device, email system, or other internet repositories, such as, but not limited to, social networks, and "cloud" automated storage systems, pictures, images, video or audio recordings made on City of Ithaca owned, commissioned, or mixed use personal or business or City of Ithaca equipment, on flash drives, hard or soft disks, or other electronic storage media, or other electronic chips or devices of any kind whatsoever, or any such equipment and repositories which were operated, or caused to be operated, by any City of Ithaca official, officer, Mayor, or City Council member, or any member of any official City of Ithaca Committee, or sub-body, or any employee or representative of the City of Ithaca or any contractor, in the creation of any such record.

The records requested are not limited to those maintained by the City of Ithaca in official City files or record repositories, but also include any records kept, regardless of actual location, in the possession, or under the control, of any past or present official, officer, Mayor, City Council Member, member of any official City of Ithaca Committee, employee, representative, or agent of the City of Ithaca.

B. To the extent that records may be available only in paper the request is that they be

B. To the extent that records may be available only in paper, the request is that they be scanned so they can be transmitted electronically. If the City of Ithaca proposes to respond with paper documents, the City of Ithaca should notify the requestors, by notice to Edward Weissman, 112 Delaware Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850, prior to transmitting any record in paper form, indicating why this form of each such record is proposed for such transmission, the statutory authority for doing so, a statement of the dollar costs, copying costs, and an acknowledgement of the requirement for prior written approval by Edward Weissman for the transmission of any record in paper form.

C. The term electronic devices includes but is not limited to computers, tablets, laptops, desktops, cell phones, digital cameras, audio recordings, video recordings, whether held on cell phones, computers, flash drives, data storage, and any similar devices. The term records includes, but is not limited to, records of cell phone calls sent and calls received.

D. The records requested, include, but are not necessarily limited to records of communications with private individuals, political parties, activists, lobbyists, activist groups, lobbying groups, community groups such as GIAC, unions, print or electronic newspaper, radio, television, or publication reporters, political writers, bloggers, commentators, attorneys, (except for privileged information), Cornell University, Ithaca College, Federal, State, or local governmental agencies, or officials, or advisory groups.

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